

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 23, 2025

Upcoming Events

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1/25, Saturday

Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch

1/26, Sunday

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2/9, Sunday

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



One of the major topics of discussion at the national level is how our country will reunite. I believe that only through unity can we thrive as a nation, and as I think about this major undertaking, I ask myself where we find examples of how others have accomplished coming together after being split apart.

When it comes to real world examples, I am hard-pressed to find anything on a large scale. As far as I know, nations often will reunite after they have exhausted all other possibilities; in other words, working together is truly the last resort for their nations' survival. There is a dark side to this forced, fatigued unity as it depends upon an "all or nothing" behavior. The result is a false unity where it looks like people are getting along, but the force that is keeping everyone together is

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

fear. History points out that fear is not maintainable because it consumes its own and leads to death.

[Click here for the rest of the article.](#)

[Visit our website](#)

Training Opportunity



Training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors THIS Saturday, 1/25, at 9:00 a.m.

If you are currently serving as a lay Eucharistic minister or lector, this is an important training for you to attend, especially if you weren't able to attend the previous training session. If you're currently not serving but would like to serve

on the altar as a chalice bearer or reader of scripture, please come. Fr. Doug and Doug Wayland will lead the training.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch THIS Sunday, 1/26

Our annual meeting is scheduled for THIS Sunday. We'll begin with a tailgate-themed potluck lunch. After the meal, we'll begin the meeting with a movie of photos taken during the events of 2024. We'll also elect three new vestry members, hear about how we ended up financially for 2024, and learn about plans for 2025.

If you'd like to bring a dish, but didn't sign up, please bring it to share with everyone.

Childcare: Stephanie will stay in the nursery to watch over nursery-age children after lunch during the meeting.



Blood Drive



Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

Blood Drive
Sunday, 2/9
9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Coastal Bend Blood Center asked us to host another blood drive in February because there is always a need for more blood donations. The bloodmobile will be available before the service begins, and you may donate after the service as well because it will stay until 1:00 p.m., or as long as there are people wanting to donate. [Click here for a flyer](#) that contains more details.

A goal of twelve units of blood has been set for us. Last year, we were given the same goal and surpassed it. Let's do that again with this blood drive!!

Nursery Refresh

Help with Nursery Supplies and Equipment

Our nursery is in need of a refresh, and we would love to update the space with help from our St. Mark's family if anyone would like to help. After partnering with our caregiver Ms. Stephanie, we created an [Amazon wish list](#). Below is a QR code to access the list as well. All items ordered will be delivered straight to the church. If you have other items you would like to donate, please feel free to reach out to Crystal Wilkey at 361-549-8917.



Thank you to those who have purchased items from the Amazon wish list.
We're off to a great start!



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall. You can bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.

Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group will continue its discussion of the Gospel of Mark Sunday, February 2nd. It will not meet this Sunday, January 26th, due to the scheduling of the annual meeting.

Previous Chapters 1-10:

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

New Chapters 13-16:

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministry in various ways. Timon's goal "is to provide a hand up, empowering individuals to regain their strength, dignity, and ultimately, their place in the workforce." Our women's reunion group has discovered several ways to serve this community.



Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Mondays from 8:45 - noon.

You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

Thank you for your help with this important ministry opportunity.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan & National Church News

California Wildfire Support--The Episcopal Relief and Development Department has set a way for people to support those affected by the wildfires in Southern California. For more information, please [click this link](#).

Diocesan ENews--To stay informed on what is happening in our Diocese, you may sign up for the [Diocese of West Texas ENews](#) by clicking the link. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on a white button that has "Let's Connect" written in it.

Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Thank You for Your Generosity

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. We have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are several ways to do that:



- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the ["Donate to St. Mark's"](#) link.
- Through your cell phone using the app, **Vanco Mobile**. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- You may also use the QR code below.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving is another way to give to St. Mark's with a gift through your estate. Simply list St. Mark's in your will.

THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom
through your continuing support
of St. Mark's Church.



Weekly Calendar

Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the link to the [January schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here is the [January calendar](#) for the church.

January 25 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Lay Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training—Sanctuary

January 26 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting and Parish Potluck--Fellowship Hall

January 27 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

5:30 p.m. - Pre-Council Meeting--Online Zoom Call

January 28 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Cafe, 4928 S. Staples St.

January 29 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

**Below you will find several links to websites or
Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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